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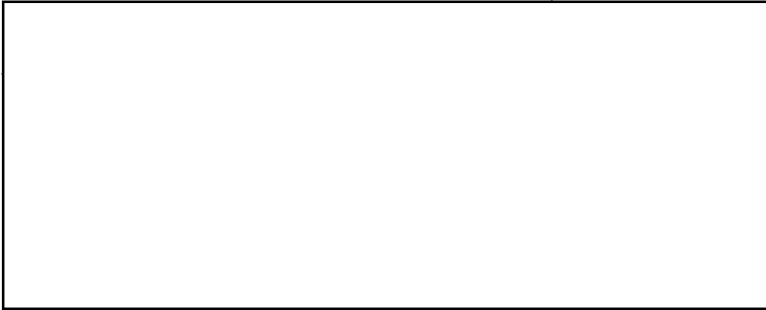
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25X1 From 24 May to 1 June 1953, [] did not observe any loadings or unloadings at the Templin railroad station. At about 2:30 p.m. on 2, 4, and 5 June, each one officer and about 20 EM arrived aboard regular trains from the direction of Eberswalde were picked up by trucks [] and left toward Kannenburg.
2. Between 25 May and 5 June, no new arrivals for the Templin training area were observed at Densow, Beutel, Annenwalde and Roedelin. Prior to 27 May, very little training activity was observed. Small groups of soldiers practiced firing with pistols, submachine guns and machine guns at various places. Individual exercises involving tanks and infantry were held at night. More infantry training was observed after 1 June. The training included firing at practice targets, including moving targets. All guard posts were occupied and part of the area was again restricted after 1 June.
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25X1 and bus [] were seen in the east part of the training area.
3. Training activities observed in the area southwest of Hammelspring between 1 and 5 June included:
- From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on 1 June. About 40 soldiers practiced aiming on 4 x 37-mm AA guns and about 20 soldiers on 1 x 122-mm howitzers, while about 20 soldiers were throwing stones at a target.
- From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on 3 June. About 75 soldiers practiced aiming on 8 x 37-mm AA guns; and 3 platoons of about 25 soldiers each marched toward Vogelsang.
- From 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on 4 June. About 70 soldiers practiced aiming on 4 x 37-mm AA guns, 2 x 57-mm AT guns, and M-13 rocket launchers; 2 groups of 3 soldiers each practiced field-wire laying, while 3 platoons of each about 25 soldiers practiced advancing by bounds.
- From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on 5 June. About 40 soldiers practiced aiming on 4 x 37-mm AA guns, and about 35 soldiers on 1 M-13 rocket launchers.
- 25X1 On 1 June, trucks [] towing 76.2-mm field guns, and about 30 soldiers, left the summer camp toward Zehdenick. At about 3 p.m. on 3 June, 10 motorcycles, including sidcar motorcycles, left the summer camp toward Zehdenick.
- 25X1 On 3 June, 8 x 37-mm AA guns and 34 trucks, [] which had come from the summer camp at Kannenburg, were loaded on a train which included 18 boxcars and left the Templin railroad station toward Loewenberg at 5:45 p.m. At 9 p.m., 16 x 37-mm AA guns and 36 trucks were seen ready for entraining. Motor vehicles seen en route to the training area []
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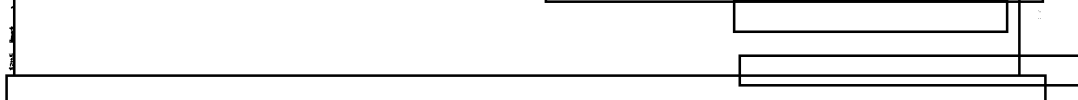
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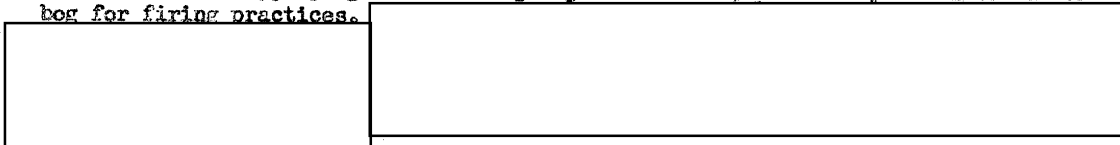
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Comment. The training activity at the training grounds which, prior to 31 May, had been limited by wood cutting was, according to this information, continued on a larger scale after 1 June.



The small groups of soldiers arriving in early June are believed to have been recruits coming from the posts of the individual units. The presence of such small contingents of recruits was observed at several military post in East Germany.

the two AAA shipments observed on 8 June probably involved units of the 63d AAA Div which, judging from the light guns observed, presumably moved to Juster bog for firing practices.



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